

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for linking at least one receivables with a collateral agreement on a computer system comprising:
  - providing a first data structure object representing a receivable, the receivable being unlinked to a second data structure object representing a collateral agreement;
  - applying criteria specified in a global declaration of purpose to the receivable for determining whether to link the receivable to the collateral agreement; and
  - if the receivable meets the criteria, automatically forming a direct link between the first data structure object representing the receivable and the second data structure object representing the collateral agreement.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the criteria include an identity of a party to the collateral agreement.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the criteria include a type of the at least one receivables.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the criteria are applied pursuant to the processing of a new or existing the at least one receivables.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the criteria are applied pursuant to the processing of a new or existing collateral agreement.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the link is formed between the receivable and a portion of the collateral agreement.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the link is formed between a component of the receivable and the collateral agreement.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the link is formed between a component of the receivable and a portion of the collateral agreement.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium storing data structures comprising:  
a collateral agreement;  
a receivable; and  
a direct link between the collateral agreement and the receivable secured by the collateral agreement, wherein the direct link is formed automatically in accordance with criteria of a global declaration of purpose associated with the collateral agreement.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 13 ~~14~~, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions ~~has~~ having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.

16. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 13 ~~14~~, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions ~~has~~ having associated therewith distinct criteria for forming a link between a respective portion and a receivable secured by the collateral agreement.

17. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 13 ~~14~~, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions ~~has~~ having a priority.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the direct link is formed between the receivable and a portion of the collateral agreement.

19. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the direct link is formed between a component of the receivable and the collateral agreement.

20. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the direct link is formed between a component of the receivable and a portion of the collateral agreement.

21. (Original) A method comprising:

initiating a request for information concerning a collateral agreement or a receivable;  
and  
based on the request, reading linkage information that maps collateral agreements to respective receivables.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the collateral agreement comprises portions each having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the linkage information maps the portions to respective receivables.

24. (Original) A machine-readable medium comprising instructions to perform a process comprising:

initiating a request for information concerning a collateral agreement or a receivable;  
and  
based on the request, reading linkage information that maps collateral agreements to respective receivables.

25. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the collateral agreement comprises portions each having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.

26. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the linkage information maps the portions to respective receivables.

27. (Canceled).

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions ~~has~~ having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.